

Sons of the American Revolution



Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 November Meeting Minutes November 19, 2022

PRESENT: 13

Billy Mayo, President
John Loper, Secretary
Bill Adriance, Treasurer
Hugh Ferguson, 1st Vice President and Chaplain
Clark Wright, Webmaster
David Zwahr, Registrar
Jon Zwahr
Robert Adams
Guy Taylor, Jr.
Austin Loper
Frank Steele (new member)
Jay Creech, Guest SAR Member
Eric Broussard (Guest Speaker)

CALL TO ORDER

President Billy Mayo called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

1st Vice President and Chaplain Hugh Ferguson led the invocation.

PLEDGES

President Billy Mayo led us in reciting the pledges of allegiance to the American Flag, the Texas Flag and the SAR Flag.

INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone introduced themselves and their guests, and thoughts and prayers were offered up for Compatriots that were absent.

LUNCH

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PROGRAM

President Billy Mayo presented our guest speaker, Mr. Eric Broussard. Mr. Broussard gave an excellent presentation about Bryan Museum in Galveston. All members are encouraged to visit the museum which contains one of the world's largest collections of historical artifacts, documents, and artwork relating to Texas and the American West. Mr. Eric Broussard was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his excellent presentation.

AWARDS

Compatriots Robert Carter, Kyle Juel, Tyler Juel and Russell Minor will be mailed their 10-Year Service Certificates. Compatriot Austin Pruitt will be mailed his 5-Year Service Certificate also. Color Guard Commander Zachary Adriance received the Bernardo de Galvez Color Guard Medal President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report for the October meeting is posted on the chapter website. A motion was made by and seconded to approve the minutes. It was passed unanimously by members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bill Adriance reported that all accounts are doing well.
Chapter Account Balance: \$9,225.96.

STATUE REPORT

Statue Account Balance: \$4,976.43

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Registrar David Zwahr reported:

Current Membership: 76

Current Active: 60

New Members: 4 (Eddy Betts, Gary Donovan, Frank Steele, and James Anderson)

Junior SAR Members: 9

Dual Members: 1

Transferred Out: 1 (Carl Crittenden)

Deaths: 1 (William Belcher)

Membership Applications Submitted Active: 3 (Lonnie Cox, Charles D. McBee III & William A. McBee)

Applications in Progress: 20+

WEBMASTER REPORT

Webmaster Clark Wright reported that the website is being actively maintained and updated.

OLD BUSINESS

- Fundraising - The Kroger's Community Rewards application has been submitted; still awaiting processing and approval.
- TXSSAR Youth Awards – Still seeking applicants for various contests.
- JROTC Enhanced Award and Scholarship Program is going well. The JROTC units at Texas City and La Porte have been contacted and added to the list of other seven high school JROTC units that the chapter honors.
- Dickens on the Strand Parade will be held on December 3, 2022.
- The Wreaths Across America Ceremony will be held at LaMarque Cemetery on December 17, 2022.
- Committees – We need more Chapter member participation in active committees, especially the Scrapbook and Veterans Committees.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dues for Junior Members will be paid by TXSSAR for 2023.
- Member Dues Notices have been sent out. Annual dues for this year are \$65.50.
- We need to publicize TXSSAR Youth Awards, e.g., Essay Contest, Oration Contest, Poster Contest, Brochure Contest, JROTC Cadet Award, 4-H Award, Eagle Scout Award (see: https://www.txssar.org/education_index.htm).
- The District 7 Vice-President Richard Zdunkewicz has raised \$4,000 funds for JROTC scholarships. Our chapter's share will be \$900; these funds are to be used for scholarships only. The Executive Board will determine how the funds are allocated to the three Independent School Districts that our chapter supports.
- The Lady Washington Chapter of the DAR has asked our Color Guard to participate in its Christmas Luncheon on December 10, 2022. The event starts at 11:00 a.m. at the Junior League (1811 Briar Oaks, Houston TX 77027), and tickets are \$55 per person. The Color Guard has been asked to participate in posting and retiring of the Colors. Compatriot John Thompkins will be Color Guard Commander for this event.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following slate of officers was proposed by the Executive Board:

President – Hugh Ferguson
1st Vice President – Zachary Adriance
Secretary – John Loper

Registrar – David Zwahr
Treasurer – William Adriance
2nd and 3rd Vice President – Open

There were no nominations from the floor, and the proposed slate of candidates was unanimously accepted. The Executive Board will need to appoint persons to fill the open positions.

RECENT EVENTS

The BDG Chapter President Billy Mayo and 1st Vice-President Hugh Ferguson, Jr. presented a Certificate of Recognition and BDG Chapter Challenge Coin to Chance Hanson (Troop 224) at his Eagle Scout Honor Court.

The BDG Color Guard members Billy Mayo, Hugh Ferguson and John Loper and other chapter members participated in the Veterans Day ceremonies at Seabrook Veterans Memorial Park.

2022 CHAPTER CALENDAR

- 03 Dec – Chapter Meeting – Swearing in of Officers; Dickens on the Strand Parade; Color Guard Event
- 08 Dec – 126th Anniversary of TXSSAR
- 10 Dec – The Lady of Washington Chapter, NSDAR, Luncheon
- 17 Dec – Wreath Across America in LaMarque, TX; Color Guard Event

For additional information and updates, please refer to the Bernardo de Galvez Web Page (www.bdgsar.org) or Facebook Group (Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 SAR)

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded and approved by all.

RECESSIONAL

The Recessional was led by President Billy Mayo and recited by all Compatriots.

DISMISSAL

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Loper, Secretary